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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

## 1. Name of Property

historic name BUILDING AT 318 WEST REDWOOD STREET

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Location

street & number 318 West Redwood Street

N/A

☐ not for publicationcity, town Baltimore

N/A

☐ vicinitystate Maryland

code

MDcounty Independent City code 510zip code 21201

## 3. Classification

## Ownership of Property

☒ private☐ public-local☐ public-State☐ public-Federal

## Category of Property

☒ building(s)☐ district☐ site☐ structure☐ object

## Number of Resources within Property

Contributing

Noncontributing

10

buildings

sites

structures

objects

10

Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

1st Iron Architecture of Baltimore, MD, 1850-1904Number of contributing resources previously  
listed in the National Register 0

## 4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  
☐ nomination ☒ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the  
National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.  
In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERDate 12/20/94

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

☐ entered in the National Register.☐ See continuation sheet.☐ determined eligible for the National  
Register. ☐ See continuation sheet.☐ determined not eligible for the  
National Register.☐ removed from the National Register.☐ other, (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE/store, warehouse

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

VACANT/NOT IN USE

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

FEDERAL

foundation Brick

walls Iron

Brick

roof Asphalt

other Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

**DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:**

The building at 318 West Redwood Street is a five-story masonry building, three bays wide, constructed in 1852. The street level features a cast iron storefront, including iron piers with recessed panels and Corinthian capitals framing a central entrance. The corners of the storefront are defined by paneled piers, capped with large scrolled consoles with foliated decoration supporting a simple molded cornice. The upper stories are of brick, laid in common bond; the window openings are surmounted by splayed brick jack arches. The building cornice appears to be molded brick.

**8. Statement of Significance**

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locallyApplicable National Register Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ DCriteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1852

Significant Dates

1852

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Dixon, Balbirnie &amp; Dixon, Architects

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

**THEME:**

Cast Iron Architecture in Baltimore, Maryland, 1850-1904.

**SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:**

The building at 318 West Baltimore Street is significant as representing a Multistory Loft Buildings type building. This storefront is the oldest cast iron storefront extant in Baltimore.

☒ See continuation sheet no. 2  
for Historic Context and Maryland  
Comprehensive Historic Preservation  
Plan data.

## Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

☒ See continuation sheet no. 5

## Primary location of additional data:

- ☐ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acreUSGS quad: Baltimore East, MD.

## UTM References

A 18 360220 4349880  
Zone Easting Northing

C         

B           
Zone Easting Northing

D         

☐ See continuation sheet

## Verbal Boundary Description

Boundaries are defined as a single city lot, specifically identified as Block 643, Lot 5, recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore City, Maryland.

☐ See continuation sheet

## Boundary Justification

The nominated property comprises the city lot upon which the resource stands.

☐ See continuation sheet

## 11. Form Prepared By

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**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

The building at 318 West Redwood Street is a five-story masonry building, three bays wide, constructed in 1852. The Redwood Street facade is now the rear elevation of the building, which runs the full depth of the block; the principal elevation faces West Baltimore Street at #321. On the Redwood Street facade, the street level features a cast iron storefront, whose simple elements suggest a relatively early date. Iron piers with recessed panels and Corinthian capitals frame a central entrance. The corners of the storefront are defined by paneled piers, capped with large scrolled consoles with foliated decoration supporting a simple molded cornice. The upper stories are of brick, laid in common bond; the window openings are surmounted by splayed brick jack arches. Although many of the windows have been blocked or replaced with 1/1 sash, several early 6/6 windows survive. The windows on the top story are lower in proportions than the others. The building cornice appears to be molded brick. The character of the masonry, the proportions of the openings, and the architectural detailing are all consistent with a mid-nineteenth century construction date.

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### HISTORIC CONTEXT:

#### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Agricultural-Industrial Transition, 1815-1870

Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930;

Modern, 1930-[1941]

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture/Landscape Architecture and Community  
Planning;

Economic (Commercial and Industrial)

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

COMMERCE/TRADE/store, warehouse

Known Design Source: Dixon, Balbirnie & Dixon,  
Architects

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**HISTORY & SUPPORT:**

The five-story, three-bay structure at 318 West Redwood Street was constructed in 1852 for Chauncey Brooks, a prominent Baltimore merchant and President of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad (1855-58) and Western Bank. The building's principal address on West Baltimore Street was the location of a series of Brooks' enterprises in various aspects of the garment trade throughout the 1850s and 1860s. From about 1850 at least through 1864, the firm of Brooks, Fahnestock & Son, wholesale dealer in boots, shoes and hats, occupied the building, prompting one writer to recall "the large warehouse of the firm being for many years on Baltimore, between Howard and Eutaw" (Tercentenary History IV, p. 76). During the same period, C. Brooks & Son, importers & jobbers in foreign and domestic dry goods, and Thrasher, Rogers & Co., wholesale clothiers, were located in the building. By 1866 McAlvery & Bates, shoe manufacturers, had moved in on the second floor. Records in the 1850s describe the building as a "4 story brick warehouse, 5 story rear;" between 1855 and 1876, the Baltimore Street elevation apparently was altered from four stories to five. In 1876 Chauncey Brooks was assessed for a 5 story warehouse; tenants included Walter B. Brooks, William A. Miller, and T. J. Widson. The following year, William Bridges, wholesale confectioners & fruiterers, located in the building; presumably, this was the candy factory indicated on the 1879 Sanborn map in the present 318 West Redwood Street, with a gilt and walnut molding factory on the second floor. In 1887 William Eckhardt is listed as at the West Baltimore Street address. In 1901 I. & M. Ottenheimer sold post cards at 321 West Baltimore Street. The building remained in the Brooks family until 1908, when it was purchased by Caroline B. Johnson, who held it until 1920. Tenants of 321 West Baltimore Street in 1922 included the Continental Manufacturing Company, shirt manufacturers (Benjamin Chipman, President; Arthur A. Chipman, Secretary-Treasurer). The following year, the name of this company was changed to the Maryland Shirt Company, and the Eutaw Bargain House joined them as tenants. The Eutaw Bargain House, a wholesale and retail army and navy surplus enterprise operated by Isaac H. Rosenberg, remained in the building into the 1930s. By 1924, the Maryland Shirt Company had moved out, and White-Seidenman had located in the building. Eli A. White and Louis Seidenman manufactured and sold picture frames, mirrors,

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framed pictures and "furniture novelties;" their plant was located in the 3600 block of O'Donnell Street, and 321 West Baltimore Street housed their showroom. Beichman & Vogel (Gershen Beichman and Philip Vogel), pants manufacturers, moved in in 1926. Other tenants during this period included William Hugh Bagby & Co., furniture dealers, and Maurice Amansky, wholesale clothiers. The building changed hands again in 1932, and again--by foreclosure--two years later, reflecting the financial uncertainty of the Depression years.

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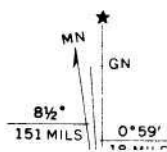
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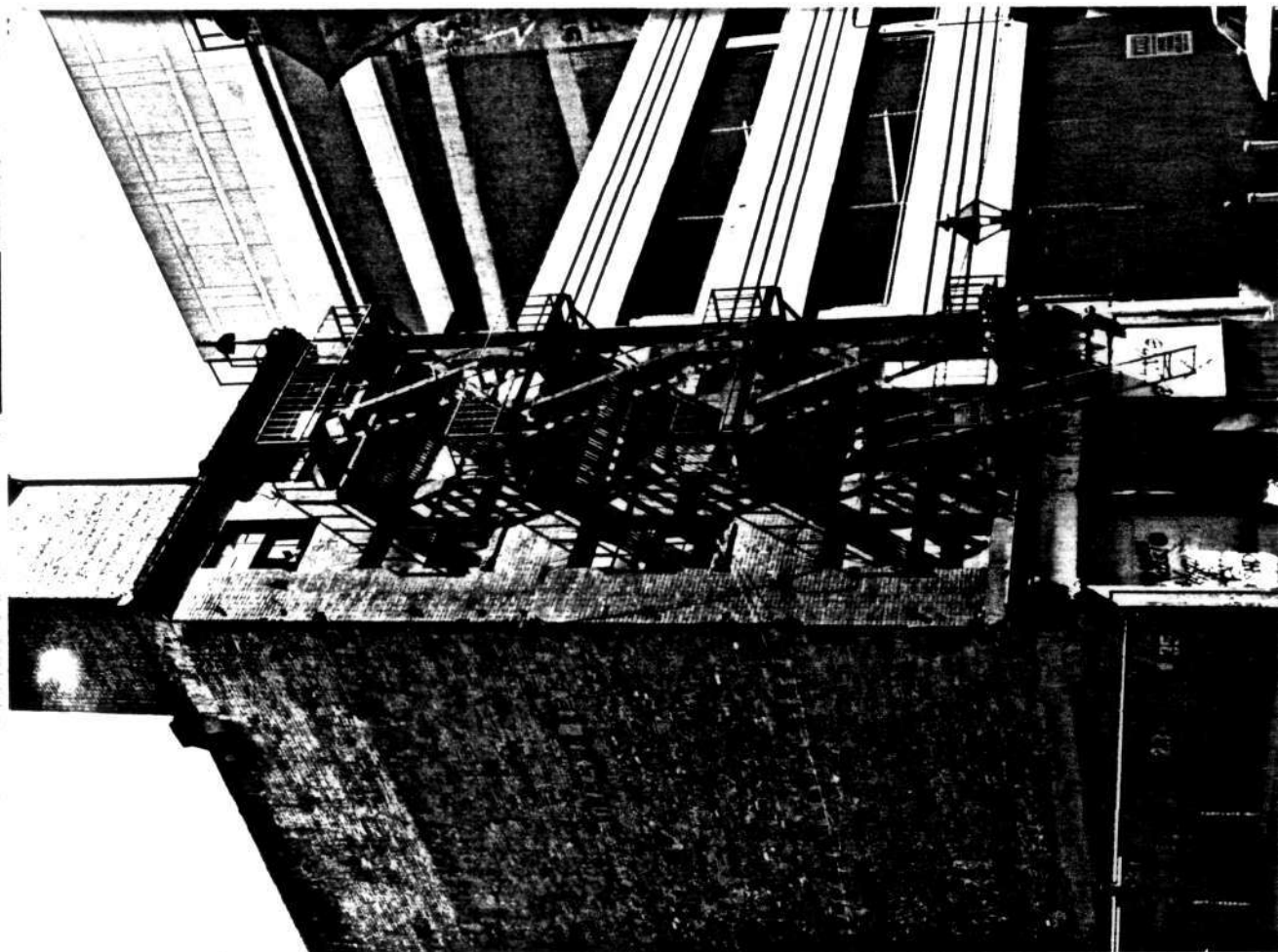
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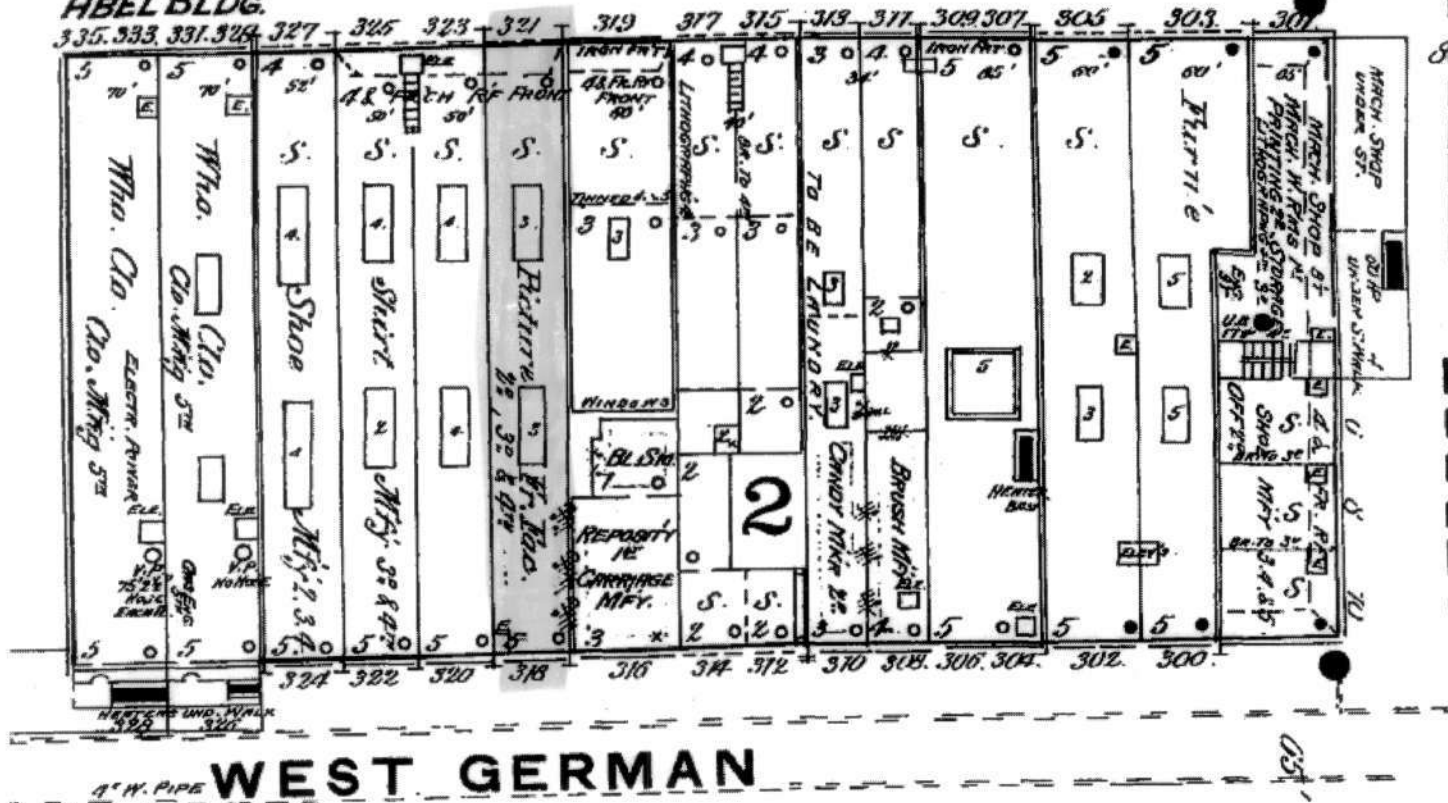
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storefront detail - SE elev  
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West Baltimore St elevation (#321)  
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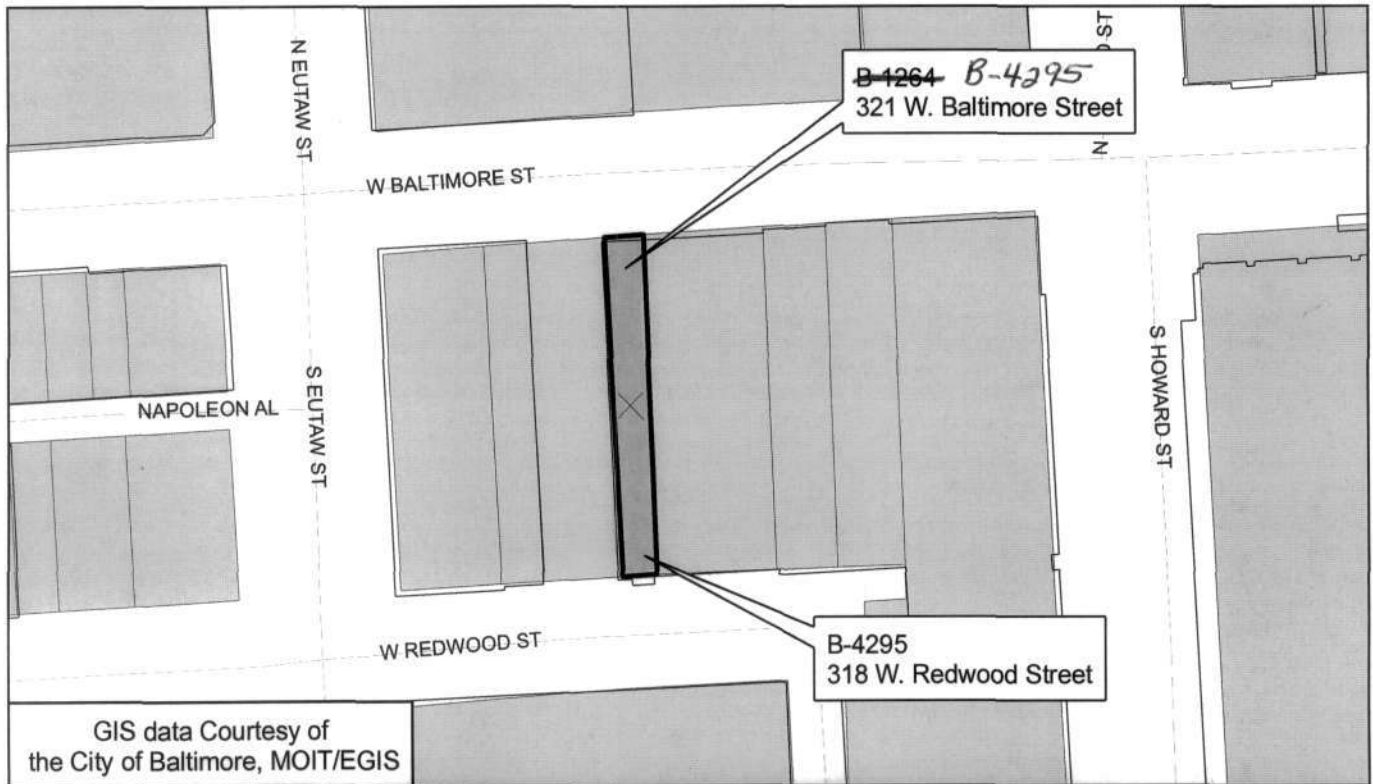
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 Sanborn Map  
 Baltimore 1890 vol. 1, Sheet 2 a

**ABEL BLDG.**



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Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.





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AARON M LEVIN 1988

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SOUTH FACADE

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